



NOVEMBER 7-11, 2012



VETERANS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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VETERANS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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November 11, 2012



Dear Volunteers and Supporters:

It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman for the Caddo Parish Commission's Veterans Affairs committee. The Commission has been very supportive of our Veterans and has led the way in bringing this 'Veterans Weekend Celebration' to fruition. The unwavering support from the City of Shreveport and Bossier City has been phenomenal.

The sacrifices made by our Veterans have allowed all Americans the freedom to live and work in a free country. The entire week of activities scheduled for November 5th – 12th is just a token of the pride felt by the citizens of Caddo Parish, City of Shreveport, Bossier City and surrounding areas.

Thank you, to all of the businesses and citizens who have contributed to the 'Veterans Weekend Celebration'. This special time to share with our Veterans would not have been possible without your help.

The volunteers working on various committees always reminded us that the purpose for the celebration is to honor our Veterans and their Families. A special thanks to all of the committee members and organizations for their time, support and tenacity in planning this event for the people who have sacrificed so much, just for us to be free.

May God bless our Military, Veterans, their Families, and the United States of America.

Respectfully,

Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.
General Chair
Veterans Weekend Celebration Committee



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
CEDRIC B. GLOVER
MAYOR**

November 11, 2012



Dear Veterans:

On behalf of the entire City of Shreveport, it is indeed an honor to welcome you to this unique event that was wholly conceived to recognize the service that you have given to our great country.

This is a special day and so it is only fitting that all of us take time out to thank you for your dedication, courage and the sacrifices you have made to make sure our nation remains strong and free.

It is with both great pride and humility that I join my fellow citizens in paying tribute not only to those of you in attendance but also to those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price to defend the values that we hold so dear in our hearts. We must never forget these fallen patriots and we will always appreciate their loved ones who so proudly share their memories with us today.

The fight for Democracy is ongoing and as we pay our respects to those who have fought, died and survived the battles now embedded in the annals of history, we also must pledge our unyielding support for those soldiers still on the battlefield and the families anxiously awaiting their safe return.

So, I gladly salute you for your excellent service and bravery. It seems no honor is quite enough to express the appreciation you truly deserve, but please know the place that you hold in our hearts and prayers is everlasting.

Regards,

Cedric B. Glover
MAYOR

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Welcome from Mayor Lorenz "Lo" Walker



November 11, 2012

It is my pleasure to welcome *The Veterans Celebration Weekend Parade and Honors Ceremony*. We are excited that the first annual parade is being hosted in the Shreveport-Bossier Community.

We hope you will take some time to visit our city and experience our outstanding quality of life, including beautiful parks and open spaces, cultural events, and great restaurants. We welcome the opportunity for you to experience first-hand the warm, southern hospitality of Bossier City and thank you for choosing to share this special time with us. Come again!

Sincerely,

Lorenz Walker
Mayor

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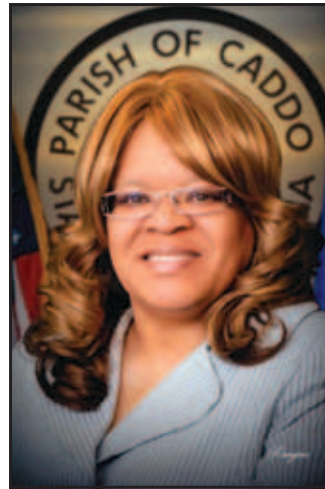
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November 11, 2012



GREETINGS.....

As we pause to pay tribute to the many Veterans who sacrificed serving our country, it is an honor and a privilege for me to welcome you to the Veterans Weekend Celebration!

Just as our Nation is grateful for your service – we are, as well. It is befitting that we honor and salute you. Because of your dedication, devotion to duty, and above all, love for our country, we are able to enjoy the many freedoms that are afforded to us.

You are the faithful “protectors of our liberty”, and you have preserved the independence that all Americans value immensely. This entire weekend of activities was planned to honor you, and I hope that you take “it all in” – more importantly, feel and experience the love and appreciation that we have for our Veterans.

Again, on behalf of the Parish of Caddo, we honor and appreciate you!

Very truly yours,

Woodrow Wilson, Jr.
Administrator & CEO
USAF Ret. CMSgt

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
LOUISIANA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-11804



November 11, 2012

*"Hope is the **ABILITY** to hear the music of the future; **FAITH** is the courage to **DANCE** to it today!"*

It is a pleasure and a privilege for me to personally take this opportunity to thank all our Veterans, Active Service Members and their families for serving and answering the call when our Nation needed you the most. I am honored to be a part of this inaugural Veterans Day Weekend Celebration. I applaud the communities of Caddo Parish, Shreveport and Bossier City for their efforts to demonstrate appreciation for our well deserving Veteran community.

As an avid supporter of veterans, active service members and military families, I am proud of our three military bases in Louisiana--Barksdale Air Force Base, Ft. Polk JRTC and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans—as well as our Louisiana National Guard and Coast Guard servicemen and women.

I applaud Commissioner Ken Epperson, Sr., General Chair, Ms. Linda Clements, Parade Chair and the entire committee for their dedication and commitment to honor those who have given so much to our country by exhibiting a spirit of courage, loyalty and greatness through the years.

We all owe our freedom to those who are willing to sacrifice to preserve our liberty. May every citizen in the United States join me on the 11th Day of November 2012 in thanking all Veterans, Active Military and their families for allowing us to live, work and be free in this great nation.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary L. Landrieu".

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

VETERANS DAY 2012

SALUTE. HONOR.
ALWAYS REMEMBER.

For those who served for our freedom,
I thank you.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BARBARA NORTON
LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE DISTRICT 3

November 11th, 2012

VETERANS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

GRAND MARSHAL



Major Ronald M. Chatelain – U.S. Army (Ret.)

Major Chatelain was born in 1946, in New Orleans, LA. His family moved to Shreveport, Louisiana where he graduated from Fair Park High school in 1964 and then attended Northwestern State college (NSU) before being drafted into the U.S. Army.

After entering the Army he attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5) in a short period of time before earning an OCS commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1967. In February 1968, at the beginning of the TET Offensive, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Republic of Vietnam as an artillery forward observer with a mechanized infantry unit. He additionally served as an infantry rifle platoon leader and interim infantry company commander. Ron voluntarily returned for a second tour of combat duty in 1969 and was promoted to the rank of Captain in May 1969.

During his tours of duty in Vietnam, Chatelain was engaged in some of the toughest fighting of that war. He survived three shoot downs in military aircraft by enemy ground fire, was twice blown from armored personnel carriers by anti-tank mines and survived direct rocket propelled grenade hit on a third APC. Chatelain, a 22 year old Army Captain with one month time in grade, was credited with saving the lives of all survivors of a night ambush patrol. Ron served until severely wounded and medevac'd back to the States. After four months of hospitalization he returned to active duty in Fort Polk, LA, as an advanced infantry training commander and division staff officer until leaving active duty in 1973.

For extraordinary heroism and selfless courage above and beyond the call of duty under extreme enemy fire, in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armored hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, Captain Chatelain was awarded the U.S. Army's second highest award of Valor, the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

In 1978, Major Chatelain earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Louisiana Tech University. He returned to military service in 1979 as a reserve officer with the 95th Infantry Training Division. Promoted to the rank of Major, he served as a command and staff officer until retiring in 1990.

In 1991, Ron was remobilized to active duty during Operation Desert Storm and again as a US government contractor in 2006 to provide advanced rifle marksmanship training to combat units rotating to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Other awards he has received include the Silver Star Medal of Heroism, the Bronze Star medal with "V" device and Oak Leaf Cluster of Valorous Action, five Purple Heart medals (2 awarded, 3 pending) and the Army Commendation medal also with "V" device for valor.

Major Ronald M. Chatelain –U.S. Army, retired, is honored as one of the nation's highest decorated veterans of the Vietnam War and acknowledged as the State of Louisiana's most decorated living combat veteran.



Major Ronald M. Chatelain

VETERANS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

PARADE ANNOUNCERS



Sonja Bailes

Sonja Bailes

Sonja Bailes is a 20-year veteran of the broadcast television industry. Sonja won an essay contest, in the eight grade about what it would mean if she was chosen to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia. She considers that one of the greatest honors of her life.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Louisiana Tech, where she served as Editor of The Tech Talk and News Director of KLPI-FM for a number of years. Following graduation in 1992, she began her career as a reporter and morning news anchor at KNOE-TV in Monroe.

In 1995, she became a reporter at KTBS-TV in her hometown of Shreveport/Bossier she garnered many awards, including First Place Investigative Reporter and Feature Reporting from the Associated Press; the Altrusa Award from the Volunteers of America; Consumer Reporter of the Year Award from the Better Business Bureau and in 2011 and 2012, Favorite News Personality by "Locals Love Us." Sonja now serves as Public Relations Liaison for Bossier Parish Schools.

Sonja is the proud mother of 10-year-old son, Jackson, and wife of Randy Bain. She is especially proud of her late father's service in the U.S. Army, during which time he fought in the Korean War. Sonja's dream is to one day visit Germany and retrace her father's footsteps.



Tom Pace

Tom Pace

Tom Pace, Executive Editor & Publisher ShreveTalk.com...host, writer & producer for "Talk of the Town with Tom Pace" webstreamed live on www.Justin.tv/tpace Saturdays 11am-1p. He also publishes news, information and audio podcasts on his website: www.ShreveTalk.com.

A veteran radio personality, Tom's experience also includes: television, print, billboards, and the internet...and, for the past 32 years, broadcasting, advertising and marketing across the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Now, by popular demand, Tom returns to the radio for the broadcast of "The Talk of the Town," this time, Monday-Friday 6p-7p LIVE on The Promise 90.7FM.

Tom is Past-President of the North Shreveport Lions Club, and is the current President for Christian Service of Shreveport-Bossier. He has also served as a speaker for Radio Advertising, as well as a Media Marketing expert to various civic and business organizations around the Ark-La-Tex.

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

OPENING REMARKS

Master of Ceremony Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.
Caddo Parish Commissioner, District 12

DIGNITARIES:

Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.
General Chairman, Veterans Affairs Committee for Caddo Parish Commission

Honorable Senator Mary Landrieu
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Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.

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Barksdale AFB Color Guard

INVOCATION

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VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

WELCOME

Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band
“Service Songs of the US”
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”
Airline High School Choir
“An American Salute”

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.

GUEST SPEAKER

Honorable Chief Judge Henry N. Brown, Jr.
Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, Division B

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr., Ms. Shirley Bealer,
Colonel Andrew Gebara, Honorable Mayor Lo Walker,
Captain Dale L. Sibley

HONOREES:

Mr. John Petterway Jr.

Mrs. Katherine Smith

Mrs. Delores Fisher

Ms. Jean Smith

Mr. John Porter,
Posthumously

Mr. James Moncure POW

Mr. William V. Hines

Mr. Cleauthor Sanders

Dr. Randy Harper

Mr. Whayland Greene

Maj. Ron Chatelain

CLOSING MUSIC

Airline High School Choir
acc. by Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band
“God Bless America”

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr.

RETIRE COLORS

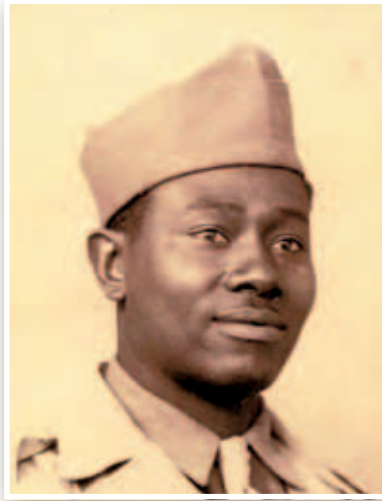
Barksdale AFB Color Guard

FINALE

Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band
“Stars and Stripes Forever”

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



John Petterway Jr.
US Army Veteran

Mr. John Petterway Jr. joined the United States Army in 1942 and began his training in Ft. Dix, New Jersey. After completing basic training, his military career took him to North Africa, Italy and France. While his overseas duty was mainly spent around the Mediterranean, he served in many capacities, such as cook, hatch foreman, and winch operator. He was a Tech 4th Grade that served in the 379th Port Battalion, 563rd Port Company.

Upon discharge in 1945 he returned to his wife here in Shreveport. His faith in God and the letters from his wife gave him strength while away at war. This family man's faith in God has rendered him much success.

John and Alzetta have been married for 70 years, and have 14 grand children, 28 great-grandchildren and over 30 great-great grandchildren. He is 101 years old and thought to be one of the oldest if not the oldest veteran in the area or state.

"To God Be The Glory"



Ms. Jean Plantation Smith
USAF Veteran

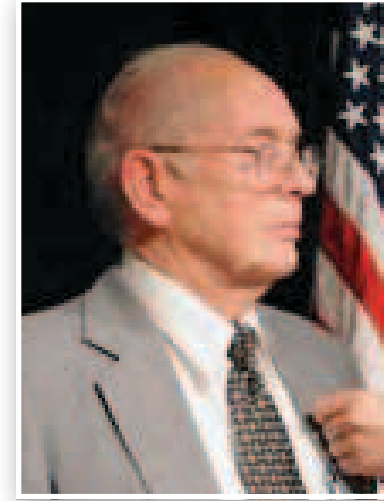
Ms. Smith was born November 10, 1927 in East Texas. She attended Stephen F. Austin and later entered the USAF. This Airman 1st Class served as a clerk in the Korean Conflict. There she met and married the man of her life. She gave up her military career and supported her husband. They are the proud parents of three children. As the caretaker of the family, she fulfilled the role as the support mechanism for this family unit. She was proud to take on this role as her husband of 44 years of military service participated in WWII—Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

She is very proud of her time spent on active duty as she is also proud of her fellow servicemen and women who continue to serve our Country.

"Forever Proud"

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



William V. Hines
US Army Veteran

Mr. Hines joined the Army at the age of 18 serving in WWII with the 70th Infantry Division, C Company, 276th Regiment. He arrived on the war front a day before the "Battle of the Bulge". Mr. Hines' one hundred and sixty six man unit helped to liberate the city of Wingren (the last German occupied city in the Alsace region of France) and captured the objective "Hill 403." After that battle only twenty eight men were able to walk out under their own power, the rest were dead or wounded. For this and other heroic efforts Mr. Hines was named, "French Knight" in the Order of the Legion of Honor. This honor was bestowed upon Mr. Hines in a ceremony that was held at Barksdale AFB, La February 10, 2012. Monsieur Jean-Claude Brunet, the Counsel General of France presented the award.

Mr. Hines and his wife have returned to France three times since then, one of which was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of France. Mr. Hines' love and dedication grew from a vow made to God. He continued to work as a director of a nursing home that assisted veterans and their family members.



Dr. Randy Harper
Civilian

Dr. Randy Harper, a civilian, has given unselfishly to the community and Veterans throughout Bossier City/Shreveport, our state and the country. Dr. Harper is Pastor of Bellaire Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA. His spiritual leadership and guidance extends beyond his congregation. He serves as Honorary Chaplin for the National Guard.

He continues to support Veterans' needs at Overton Brooks. Many books, CD's and DVD's have been given to the VA Hospital and Vet Center on Youree Drive from his congregation. Dr. Harper has provided fresh flowers to Veterans' rooms on a weekly basis at Overton Brooks. He also distributes Valentine Day and Christmas cards made by school children to Veterans at the VA Hospital. In addition, he partnered with Bossier City, and Willis Knighton, to bring a nationally known speaker to our area to train healthcare workers, clergy, and laypersons on Combat-related PTSD. Over 260 attended this workshop.

He is helping young soldiers and Veterans assimilate into society through a course, "Books to Boots" taught at Bossier Parish Community college. Bellaire Baptist Church has a support group that allows Veterans to meet weekly to discuss their problems.

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Katherine D. Smith

Chief Master Sergeant, USAF Veteran

Katherine D. (Kathi) Smith served in the United States Air Force for 30 years. Her assignments included Florida, Germany, England, Korea, Alabama and Louisiana. She attended numerous military leadership schools and has earned both a Bachelors and Masters Degree. Her numerous awards and decorations include Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and eight oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. While stationed at Barksdale AFB she provided direct support for the Commander and Chief visit to Barksdale AFB after World Trade Center/Pentagon attacks in 2001.

She coordinated of all Secret Service and Staff requests, bed-down plan and secure communication for a potential extended visit. Kathi was deployed to Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom in 2003. While deployed she stood up a Combined Air Operations Center and trained the first-ever information management cell while preparing for war. She was instrumental in the creation of the functional floor plan for the 8th Air Force command section/special staff relocation after a fire damaged the headquarters building. Kathi is the Executive Director of the Military Affairs Council and is active in the local community.



Mr. John Porter

USAF Veteran, Posthumously

John Porter was a USAF Veteran who found his niche in the cleaning business. This Veteran's contribution to his community began with the service he gave to his country and after that service he founded what is now known as Porter's Cleaners. Not only did his business grow but his love and heart for Veterans and their families grew as well. He demonstrated this love and affection by flying flags honoring all soldiers, active or inactive.

Mr. Porter flew his flags at first for holidays and then it became an everyday thing. For more than 10 years, he pressed flags for funerals. He also made sure that discarded flags were taken care of properly.

Mr. Porter was a giant in the community. He was so well known for his activities with flags that he was referred to as "Shreveport's Mr. Flagman". This term of endearment was well deserved. Mrs. Jane Porter, his surviving spouse, and son Mark, who now operates the business, said these flags continue to fly. This family business continues to honor his wishes.

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mr. Whayland H. Greene

US Army Veteran

Mr. Whayland H. Greene is a WWII Veteran who is the recipient of two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. Many other awards and accolades have been bestowed upon this fine soldier. He has continued to serve his country and Veterans causes throughout his life. He has written numerous articles and two books.

He and his wife, Jo Ann are responsible for the magnificent structures at "Belcher Veterans Memorial," in the town of Belcher, Louisiana. These huge Roman Black Granite monuments honor Veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War, were dedicated in 2002. This Memorial is one you must see; an awesome sight and tribute to the men

and women that laid their lives on the line for the freedom we now enjoy. Some of these soldiers paid the ultimate price; loss of life. This monument represents the love and compassion this family shares for our Veterans.



MSgt (Ret.) Deloris C. Fisher

USAF Veteran

MSgt (Retired) Deloris C. Fisher proudly served in the United States Air Force for 26 years. She was born in Lancaster, South Carolina, where she graduated from High School and entered basic military training on December 7, 1976.

MSgt Fisher served twenty four of those years with the Department of Judge Advocate General where she demonstrated exceptional leadership as Law Office Manager at base, intermediate and command level offices. During her distinguished career she was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and many other awards and recognitions.

She is wife of Retired MSgt Milton J. Fisher. They are the proud parents of four children and 10 grand children. Her educational achievement includes; MA Criminal Justice; MA Christian Counseling; Senior NCO Academy; Air Training Command NCO Academy; BS Management; AAS Paralegal. Her accomplishments reflect the love for Family, Country and God.

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



James Moncure

United States Army Air Corps, former Prisoner of War

James Moncure joined the Army Air Corps in January 1943 and was sent to Europe as a radio operator and gunner on a B 25-J bomber with the 321st Air Force Group, 446th Squadron on the island of Corsica off the coast of Italy. James had flown over 50 combat missions in Europe when his aircraft was heavily damaged during a bombing mission over Yugoslavia. The crew and aircraft had survived the mission but were unable to gain the altitude needed to navigate over a steep mountain range on their return to Corsica and had to abandon the aircraft. He evaded capture for several days but was eventually captured by the Germans and sent to a Prisoner of War camp in Austria. He was subsequently confined in Northern Italy. While there he became aware

of British military personnel in the area, evaded his guard, escaped and made contact with the British who returned him to the Americans. He was returned to the United States for convalescence. Mr. Moncure is the recipient of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with four clusters. After the war, he attended college, worked in the architectural supply business and moved to the Shreveport area in 1960.



Mr. Cleauthor Sanders

USMC Veteran

Cleauthor Sanders was born in Mansfield, La. He was drafted to serve in the United States Marines in 1944. At this time, Black soldiers were not allowed to train with other Marines, as they were relegated to their own training area known as Montford Point. Montford Point has significance meaning to the cultural change that was soon to come to the Armed Services. In 1949 President Harry S. Truman deactivated Montford Point and the practice of separate training facilities for any and all Marines. Montford Point, a training facility at Camp Lejeune, NC was later named Camp Johnson in remembrance of one these soldiers that was well known, highly decorated and highly honored for his sacrifice to the

USMC. After discharged in 1946, he married Elsie Mae Scott Sanders. They have enjoyed this union for fifty-nine years.

Mr. Sander's distinguished service continues to be recognized. In July of 2012 he was one of the many Montford Point Marines that Congress and the President of the United States (Mr. Obama) awarded the "Congressional Gold Medal."

VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Maj. (Ret.) Ron Chatelain

US Army Veteran

Upon entering the US Army at an early age, Ron began to distinguish himself at the start of his career. This outstanding young man's loyalty and dedication to the cause of freedom is reflected in the honors bestowed upon him. Today he is the Grand Marshall of the Caddo Parish Veterans Day Parade of 2012, an honor befitting this fine soldier. His military career is most distinguished and recognized throughout the state of Louisiana and the country.

The "Most Decorated" soldier of the Vietnam era meritorious service and awards included some of the following:

Distinguished Service Cross

Silver Star w/Oak Leaf Cluster w/V Device

Bronze Star w/V Device & Oak Leaf Cluster

Four Purple Hearts w/Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Medal

Army Commendation Medal w/V Device

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

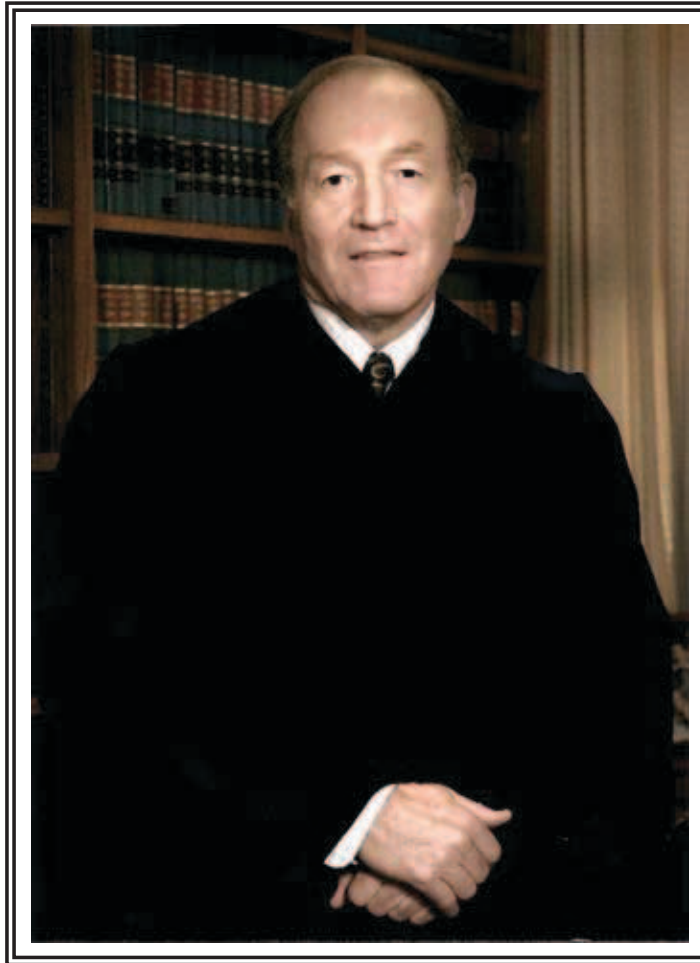
Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm

Major Chatelain continues to serve his country and fellow Veterans as Commander of the Order of the Purple Heart Organization.



VETERANS HONOR CEREMONY

GUEST SPEAKER



Honorable Chief Judge Henry Brown, Jr.

Judge Brown is a life-long resident of Bossier City. He graduated from Bossier High School, attended LSU on a football scholarship, and graduated from LSU Law School. He was an Assistant District Attorney for both Orleans Parish and Bossier Parish, and in 1975 he was elected District Attorney for Bossier/Webster Parishes and served in that position until he was elected to the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal in 1991. He is now the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit. He has been named Outstanding Young Man of Louisiana by the Louisiana Jaycees and received the American Legion/Exchange Club's Voice of Freedom Award.

Judge Brown is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bossier City. He has two children. His daughter has a master's degree in education and his son is an Assistant District Attorney in Caddo Parish. Judge Brown was commissioned a second lieutenant through the LSU ROTC "Ole War Skule" program and was selected to be an instructor at the US Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served a combat tour in Vietnam as a paratrooper earning the Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation with the 5th Special Forces Group, three Bronze Stars and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

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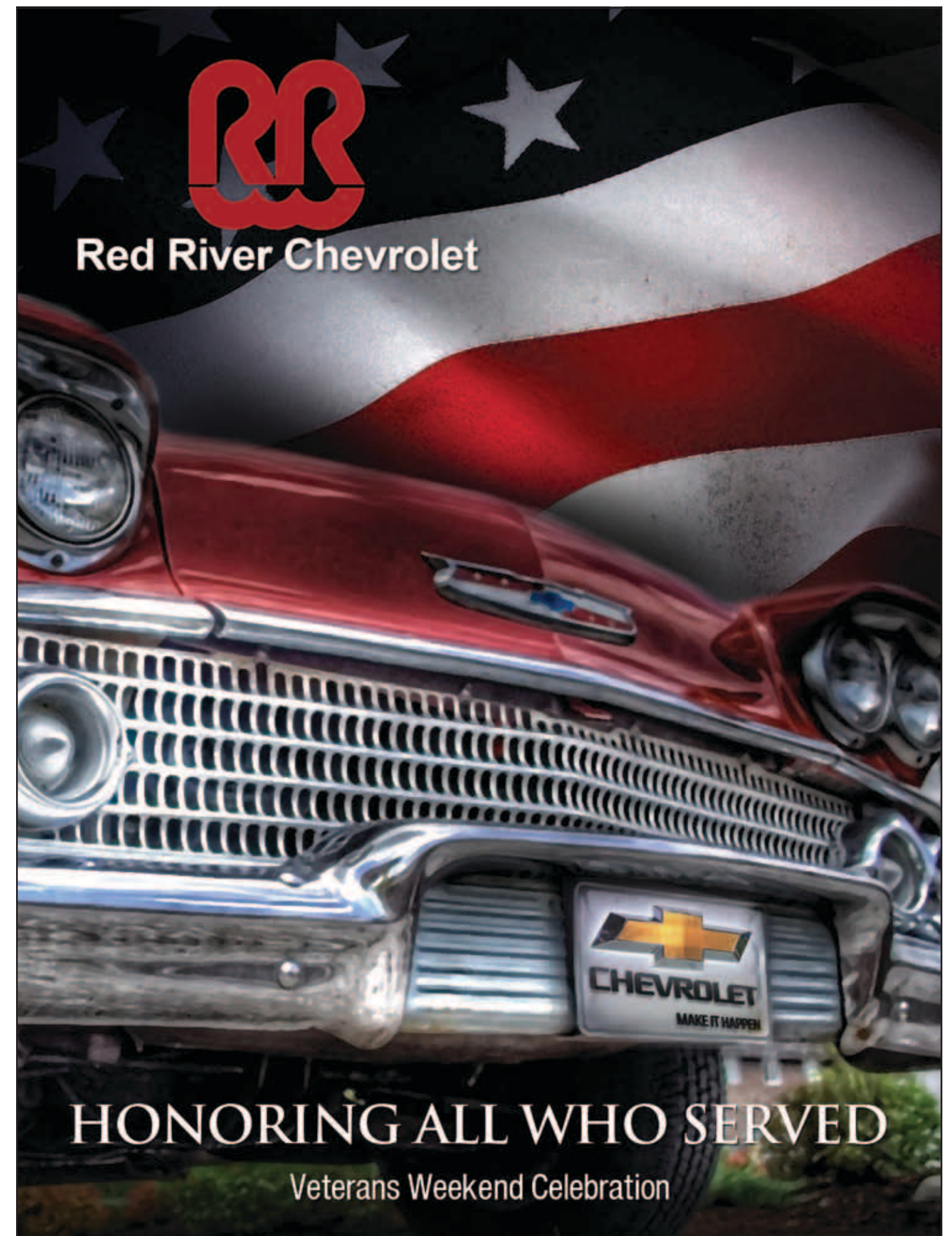
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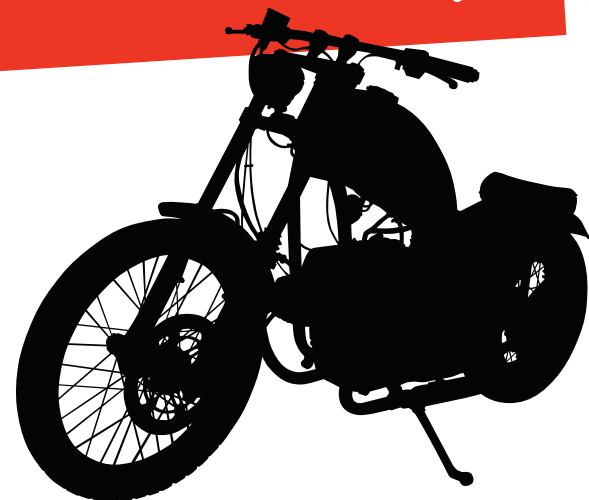


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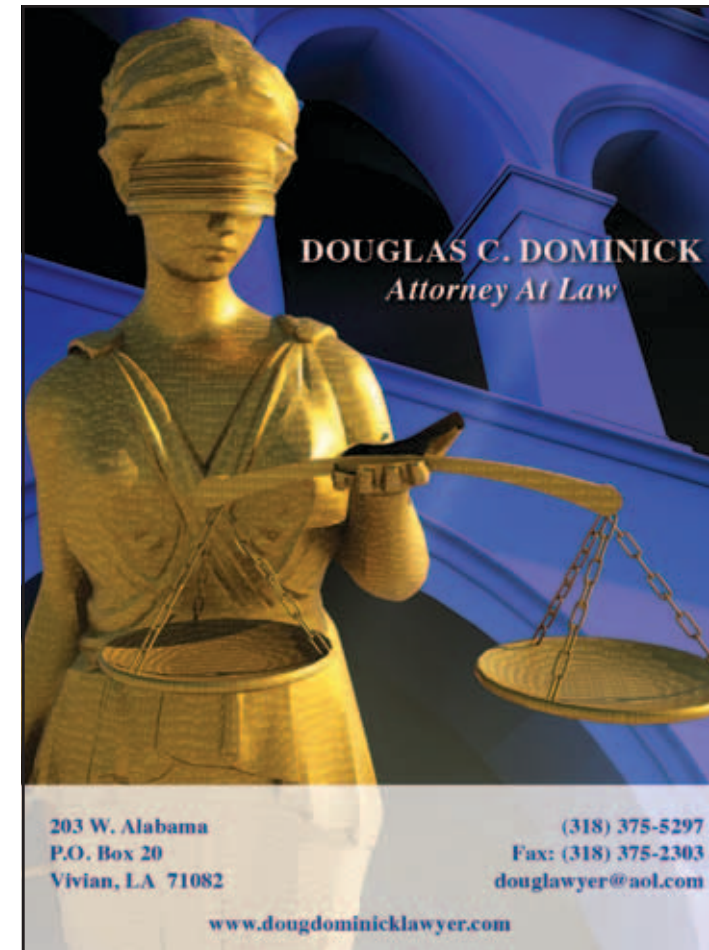


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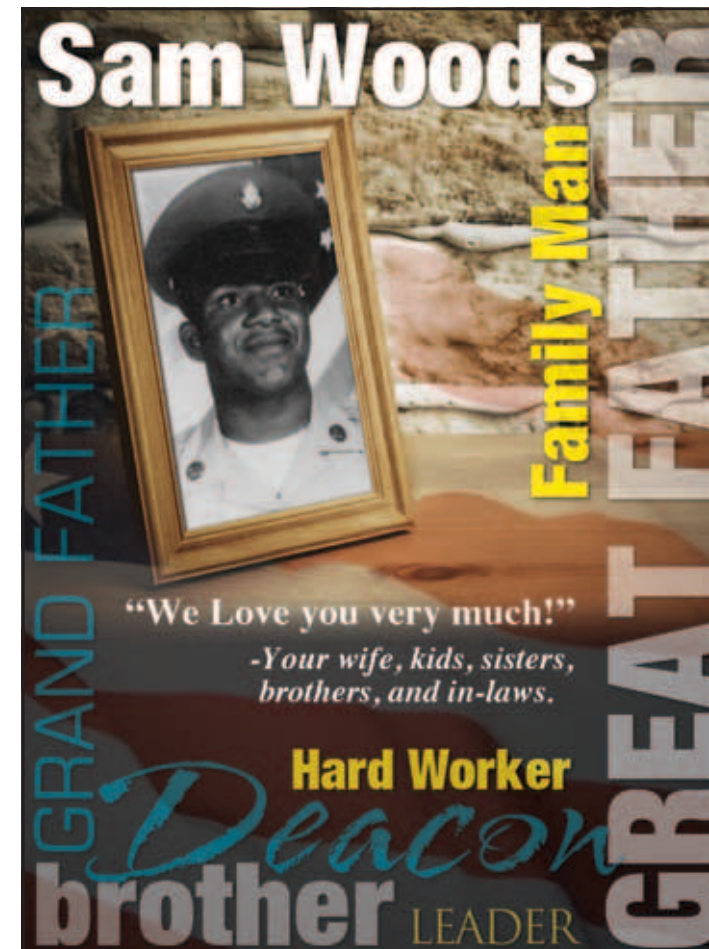



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VETERANS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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All persons listed below gave their time and talents to help make this event the best that it could be. The goal was to provide an arena to recognize and honor our Veterans and their Families for the many sacrifices they have made for the United States of America.

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EVENTS:

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9 a.m., Wed., Nov. 7

Northwest Louisiana Veterans Home

Arthur Ray Teague Parkway, Bossier City

All Veterans are invited to the Vet Home for Veterans Day Celebration. Wear your Veterans caps, t-shirts, etc. Parkway High School ROTC and band will provide Veteran’s Day musical entertainment. **Contact:** Frankie Canty, 318-741-2782 or fcanty@nwlwvh.com

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., Nov. 10

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9 a.m., Mon., Nov. 12

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